REMARKS

The application has been amended to insert the required reference to the parent application, of which benefit is claimed, for this continuing application and to amend the claims as they were pending in the parent application. Applicant looks forward to receiving a substantive action on the merits.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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